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Re: Federal Communications Commission Rule Change

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Document Title: AMENDMENT OF Part 90 of the Commission's Rules

To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed rule change restricting paging operations on VHF public safety frequencies, should it become effective, would be detrimental to our operations in Bainbridge Township along with our neighboring departments operations.

To achieve personnel notification of an emergency incident, we utilize pagers that receive tones and voice over VHF frequencies. We just switched to the VHF frequencies couple years ago from our old Low Band system due to not being able to page a number of our members. We are a combination department with volunteer backup for each call that covers 25 square miles in a county of Geauga. We border Cuyahoga, Portage, and Summit counties. A number of our members live in all these counties and for many couldn't receive pages on the low band system.

With very tight budgets these days it's going to be very hard to go to the tax payers of Bainbridge Township and tell them that the \$30,000 dollars of equipment I bought two years ago I can't use any more and that I need more money for a new base and paging system again.

Again we feel that that any rule change restricting paging over our VHF frequencies will have an adverse affect on our emergency notification procedures and will hamper our ability to adequately provide safety to our fire personal and will hamper our ability to adequately provide services, in a timely manner, to the public we serve.

Thank You for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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